



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

July 2024



Docks & Harbors Meetings
All meetings will be held at the locations below and via Zoom

Operations/Planning
Wednesday
July 17th
Port Director's Office
at 5pm

Regular Board
Thursday
July 25th
Port Director's Office
at 5pm

Meeting
agendas & minutes
can be found [here](#)

Port Director's Corner: With Governor Dunleavy's FY25 support of the ADOT Harbor Facility Grant, Docks & Harbors will be receiving \$5M from the State of Alaska. Coupled with \$5M from the voter approved 2022 1% Sales Tax Initiative, we are optimistic to complete Aurora Phase IV in 2025. Any amount over \$10M will need to be covered by the Harbors Enterprise Fund Balance, which is currently at \$4M. Docks & Harbors staff is very appreciative of all who have made this funding possible: starting with the Board who prioritized completing Aurora Harbor; to the Assembly for placing Aurora improvements in the 2022 Voter Initiative project list; to the Juneau citizens; to the Alaska Legislature for advancing the grant request; and finally, to Governor Dunleavy for signing the appropriation.

Phase IV will complete the north end of Aurora Harbor by adding approximately 2500 linear feet of moorage including new 32 ft/38 ft/42 ft/48 ft slips, 285 feet of side-tie for transient vessels and an 117-foot T-float at the end of "H". There is also a structural requirement to rebuild the approach dock (nearest the Yacht Club).

During the January heavy snow, a boat shelter located on Aurora "G" was damaged and removed. The owner of that boat shelter is electing not to exercise his privilege to rebuild. The Docks & Harbors Board will deliberate on potential options to make best use of this area. One option could result in Docks & Harbors installing a 42-foot finger and managing this space as reserved moorage for two vessels. Other options could include a process to offer the vacated space to individuals in a sealed bid or outcry auction. Patrons wishing to communicate to the Docks & Harbor Board may email: HarborBoard@juneau.gov. If the Board elects to add a finger float, it is probable that it will be included in the Aurora Phase IV project.

Aurora Phase III Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Docks & Harbors was pleased to have Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom, Senator Kiehl, Representative Story, Deputy Mayor Hale and Assembly Member Adkison in attendance for our June 24th ceremony. The picture shows Lt Governor Dahlstrom holding the ceremonial scissors with Deputy Mayor Hale reacting to a cannon blast which punctuated the ribbon cutting. Board Chair Etheridge and Harbormaster Creswell are also in the picture.

Phase III was completed for \$4.25M by Trucano Construction (general contractor) with Alaska Electric (sub-contractor) and Harri Plumbing & Heating (water piping sub-contractor). Port Engineer Matthew Sill, PE was the engineer-of-record and Morris Engineering Group provided electrical design services.



Employee-of-the-Quarter: Matthew Sill was recognized at the June 27th regular Docks & Harbors Board meeting as the EOTQ for the quarter ending in June. He received a \$150 cash award, a plaque and our thanks. The citation read, in part: *...Most notably was his dogged determination to complete the Aurora Harbor Phase III Reconstruction project without significant employment of engineering consultants. Matthew was the Engineer-of-Record for this phase and adeptly coordinated all aspects of the design,*

permits, contracting management, construction administration and inspection. Emerging from the pandemic, supply chain delays, hyperinflation, and general lack of staffing through all industries led to many herculean obstacles to overcome. Not the least being, having the Deputy Port Engineer position unfilled. With a meager budget of \$4.5M for Phase III, a decision was made to complete most of the design in-house as well as inspections; thereby saving approximately 15% of project cost. Aurora "H Float" was completed on time, on budget and to the accolades to our harbor patrons...



Aurora Harbor Net Float: Docks & Harbors with a partnership with Western Marine Construction (WMC) has installed a 180 foot by 24 foot float (former Ketchikan breakwater) seaward of the Aurora Harbor jetty breakwater. Docks & Harbors will manage the use and moorage by reservation only by calling: (907)586-5255 or VHF 73. No overnight moorage without prior approval. No charge for up to 12 hours of moorage. Repair work only and not for general moorage. Moorage without prior approval will result in being charged for a full moorage day. No anchoring in vicinity of float to prevent fouling with work float's mooring system.

New Docks & Harbors Board Members: The CBJ Assembly has selected three new Board Members and reappointed incumbents, Jim Becker and Matt Leither to another 3 year term. The new members include Nick Orr (3 year term), Tyler Emerson (2 year term) and Clayton Hamilton (2 year term). Docks & Harbors wishes to thank Mark Ridgway for 8 years on the Board and Paul Grant for 3 years.

D&H encourages electronic statements to make online bill pay at juneauharbors.com faster and easier!

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New CBJ-wide Parking System: Docks and Harbors is excited to announce the modernization and standardization of our paid parking system in partnership with CBJ. All paid parking within CBJ (with the exception of Juneau Airport) will be managed through a unified system. Customers can now conveniently pay via phone using the IPS Park Smarter App. Additionally, payment and citation contests can be handled directly through the app. Self-service kiosks will still be available for those who prefer them, with existing kiosks being replaced by new units from IPS. Enforcement of paid parking will now rely on license plate numbers, eliminating the need for physical receipts on the dashboard. The new system is scheduled to launch concurrently with the start of paid parking for the season at Statter Harbor and the Taku Lot downtown on May 1st. Access/download the Park Smarter App by scanning the QR code.